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Re: 1625-NEW, Standard Numbering System for Undocumented Vessels.  
[USCG-2004-17572] -2

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express our strong objection to this proposal which states that "States may require other vessels, such as sailboats or even canoes and kayaks, to be numbered."

Community Boating Inc. (CBI) is a 501 ( c ) 3 charitable organization committed to sailing for all through the elimination of economic and physical barriers to the sport of sailing. CBI operates one of the largest youth recreation programs in the city of Boston. Last year over 1900 children sailed at CBI. CBI charges only \$1 per child. Over 400 children sail here through our outreach program bringing kids from many diverse neighborhoods together in sailboats on the Charles River.

To the extent that a requirement to number or register our 150 sailboats is put into place, and results in a fee, CBI will be severely and negatively impacted. Paying an annual numbering or registration fee will be onerous for our organization.

It is our recommendation that if a numbering requirement is put into place, that organizations such as CBI, be exempted from any fee.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our concerns in this matter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Zechel".

Charles Zechel  
Executive Director